

### Race Feeling in Washington, Caused by White and Black Government Employees Working Together.

Washington special in the News and Courier: Because of a fist fight between a white and colored draughtsman, in the office of the supervising architect of the treasury, Secretary Cortelyou may be called upon to settle a race issue in his department. When he refused some time ago to pay any attention to the protests of the white draughtsmen against the appointment of a negro of the same profession he thought that the whole question was ended. It is soon to be presented to him, however, in such form as to call for direct decision on his part.

About three months ago William W. Cook, a South Carolina negro, was appointed a draughtsman in the office of the supervising architect. His name was certified along with others by the civil service commission. A large number of men were being put to work at the time and Cook's name was among many others. White clerks in the office protested, but Mr. Cortelyou paid no attention.

Ever since then the race feeling in the draughting division has been strong. In the preparation of the plans for public buildings it is customary to put three or four draughtsmen on one building, and they work together in closer relation than in almost any other department of the Government.

The feeling over Cook's appointment was dying away when another batch of appointments was made, and among these was Henry D. Woodson, another South Carolina negro. He was certified along with others. He appeared for work Tuesday morning and began his duties. The race feeling was revived and became more intense than ever. It culminated in a fist fight between Woodson and William P. Ryder, of Maryland, a white man. Ryder had the best of the fight.

### Horse Ahead of the the Editor and the Coon--Boards an Auto and Takes a Ride.

Greenville, S. C., June 24.—While an auto driven by Dr. Mock, a popular Piedmont physician, was speeding through the main street of the town this morning, a horse hitched to a buggy in which was Magistrate Porter, boarded the auto, literally straddling the fast flying machine.

The first movement of the horse, which is a spirited animal and easily frightened, after boarding the auto, was to kick the guards off the car.

In this maneuver, which was successfully carried out, the rear of the tonneau was considerably damaged.

Dr. Mock stopped the machine and the magistrate, who had leaped from the buggy, which was totally wrecked, aided the physician in unloading the machine of its cargo of horseflesh.

Neither the horse, Dr. Mock, or the magistrate were injured, but the machine was carried to the shop to have guards and tonneau repaired.

### House Burned in Chester.

Chester Lantern: The dwelling house of Mr. G. A. Wall, on West Lacy street, was discovered on fire at noon yesterday. The fire started from a defective stove flue and was small when noticed, but spread rapidly and practically the whole roof was burned before the flames were subdued by the fire company. Nearly all of the household goods were saved. The damage to the house, which belongs to Mr. M. A. Carpenter, is covered by insurance. For the present Mrs. Wall and children, are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hardin.

### Man's Body Found Hanging from Small Tree Branch.

Macon, Ga., June 23.—The body of Arthur L. Dytch, collector for a furniture company, was found this evening tied by the neck to a tree branch not bigger than a man's finger. He was tied with his own belt in an effort to indicate suicide, but evidence points to the fact that he was killed by two men. The body presented marks of having been dragged to the place and it is believed impossible that he could have killed himself in the position in which he was found.

### First Bath in Fifty Years.

Paris, June 23.—August Marchant, aged 57, and his house at Verquin were so filthy that the parish doctor ordered him to take a bath and the Mayor ordered his removal.

The man sobbed bitterly. "I have never done such a thing in my life, and it is now three years since water has even touched my face. It will kill me," he declared.

In spite of his struggles, Marchant was placed in a warm bath and three attendants lathered and scrubbed him. But the feeling of soap and water was so great that the poor wretch expired while taking the bath.

### Finds Buried Copper as Result of Dream.

High Point special in the Observer: A strange occurrence happened in connection with the story of hiding here during the war of \$6,000 worth of copper. For several nights a member of Mr. Schaub's family has been dreaming of finding copper on the place and sure enough the other day Mr. Schaub found a piece of copper sticking out of the ground. The next day he did the same thing and now High Point's popular depot agent believes he has the sure thing on his premises, anyway the location of his residence is about at the distance the copper is said to have been hid from the depot. It is quite an interesting co-incidence.

### Fatal Lightning in Texas.

Gatesville, Tex., June 23.—Jno. McGee and Rily Shelton and the horse they were riding were killed by the lightning near here last night. The bodies were not found until today.

### Preacher "Pounded"

The Rev. J. Meek White's Cordial Reception in His New Home--Crops in North Carolina--The Lancaster News Like Water to a Thirsty Soul.

Dear Bro. Connors: We are now domiciled in our new home at what is known as Brady's Cross Roads, about 3 miles from Sterling church. The manse is a good 6 room house.

Quite a number of our friends from Perth and Sterling met us Monday at the manse and surprised us by their presence and with their presents. They prepared dinner at home and brought it here for us. The dinner was splendid both in quality and quantity. The supply of food left in pantry for family and in barn for horse will last quite awhile. After dinner devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor; then every one went to his own home. We are grateful to God for the friends we left in Lancaster and we are grateful to Him for the friends we have found here in Iredell.

Farmers are busy this week harvesting small grain. The wheat crop is splendid this year; here and there seems to be a large acreage. Corn crop prospect, at present, good. Cotton is late and small, and the yield will be far below that of last year, I fear.

It has been my privilege this week to hear Evangelist Ralph Atkerson, of the U. P. church, preach several times. He is a native of Liverpool, England. His meeting at Bro. J. H. Pressly's church, Statesville, will close Sabbath night. I hope to hear him then. He will sail for Liverpool next week to visit his wife, who will return to America with him in a short time. He is a good singer, a good preacher, plain and practical; but like the late Sam Jones, at times, rough. We hope, however, that he will accomplish great good for the Master.

We are all in usual good health. Greeting to all the friends in Lancaster. "The News" received yesterday and, like water to a thirsty soul, it was refreshing.

Sincerely,  
J. Meek White.  
Statesville, N. C., Route 6.  
June 21.

### Fate of Negro who Bathed with Gasoline.

Wilmington, N. C., special in The Observer: Joseph North, colored, between 50 and 60 years of age, was fearfully burned last night as he lay sick abed in his house near Fourth and Church streets. North suffered with rheumatism and a woman who was nursing him in the house got down a bottle of gasoline with which to rub his limbs. The room was close and the fumes of the gasoline pervaded the atmosphere. Suddenly the fumes were ignited from the lamp and the sick man was badly burned about the arms and legs, which were bathed with the fluid.

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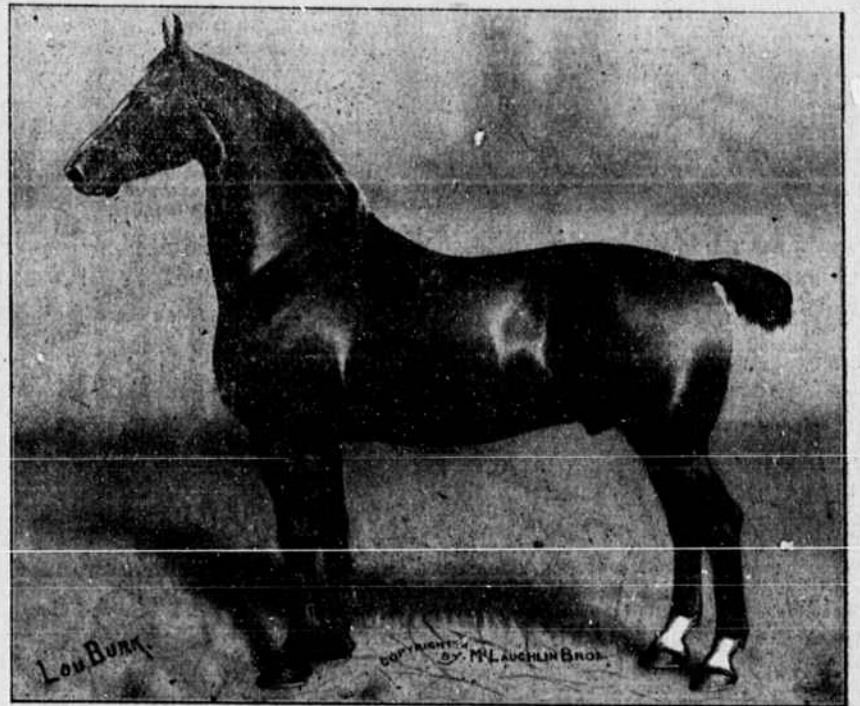
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